

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS



SUSAN HUTSON
INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

From: Susan Hutson
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 4:40 PM
To: Richard F. Cortizas
Subject: Lawsuits and Claims for Damages

Richard:

As a follow up to our conversation of this afternoon, I would like to get copies of all claims for damages and/or litigation files against any of the following officers:

- Anthony Mayfield, Jr.; Employee # 8734
- Jason Giroir; Badge # 527, and
- Michael Asevedo; Badge # 1527

As we discussed, we have been advised that Mayfield may have been previously sued for unlawful or excessive force. Therefore, as a part of our review of each officer's history, we would like to see any claims/lawsuits against them in their capacity as police officers, of which you are aware. I previously requested a copy of the Terrence Harold litigation case, which was initiated by his mother Tonia Harold. Mr. Harold was killed by NOPD officers in 2006. Ms. Jolivet-Brown did provide that case to me in 2010, so there is a precedent for this request.

We had previously discussed the IPM being on the mailing list for copies of claims/lawsuits against the New Orleans Police Department and its officers. We would like to renew that request. In 2010, the IPM was on the mailing for these claims/lawsuits and they were emailed directly to us, so there is also a precedent for this request.

Eventually, these types of lawsuits and claims should be a part of the early warning system and logged into the IPM/PIB database by PIB. This is a nationally recognized practice.

I await your response.

Thanks.

Susan

